

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

THE VINES Get Free

(HEAVENLY)

You know how unstable Australians The Vines are the best thing since amplification? And how their

last two singles were almost unbearably excellent? God, look, we know, this is getting very hard to believe, even with the subliminal pro-Vines drugs we've been adding to the printing ink, but *this one is even better*.

Anger, as an old man once observed, is an energy, and 'Get Free' is pure bitter adrenaline. The taut guitar line could easily double as a garotte, such is Craig Nicholls' bile-raw fury. There's the hell-for-leather Stooges garage urgency. There's The Vines' stunning pop sense, making commerce from the chaos. And finally there's Nicholls' sour self-pity mixing with his spleen: "She never loved me/Why should anyone?". Look no further for a reason. (KE)

